was also associated with the Department of Buddhist Studies, University of Delhi, Member of the Board of Studies in Pali and Buddhism of Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Member of the Board of Governors and Society of Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath and Member of the Board of Management of the Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Leh.

Opening up of Nagaland for foreign tourists

1835. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have opened up for foreign visitor to visit Nagaland for tourism;

(b) if so, whether permits will be issued; and

(c) how long they can stay?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Few districts in Nagaland have been opened up for foreign tourists.

(b) and (c) Permits are issued for a maximum period of 10 days and in a group of four or more persons. Married couples are also allowed.

Historical monuments in Tamil Nadu

1836. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of historical monuments, places and national sanctuaries in Tamil Nadu and other States which attract foreign tourists;

(b) the amount allocated and spend by Government for its maintenance, upkeep and renewal;

(c) whether Government have published literature about our historical monuments, tourist places and national sanctuaries in foreign countries through our embassies; and

(d) the amount of revenue that comes to the Exchequer through tourism for the past three years?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) There are at least 25 places of interest in Tamil Nadu which

attract foreign tourists. There are 480 wild life sanctuaries and 86 national parks in the country, of which 20 wild life sanctuaries and 5 national parks are in Tamil Nadu.

The number of places of historical interest located elsewhere in the country which attract over 1 lakh foreign tourist a year in listed in given in the statement I. *(See* below)

(b) The expenditure incurred by the Archaeological Survey of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests and the Department of Tourism during 1999-2000 in this regard is at Statement II. *(See* below)

(c) The Department of Tourism published tourist publicity literature about the places of tourist interest, historical monuments and sanctuaries. This literature is distributed through Department of Tourism network in India and abroad and through the embassies.

(d) The foreign exchange earnings (in Rupees) through tourism for the last 3 years is as under:

(Rupees in Crores)

1997	—	10725.64
1998	—	11950.78
1999	—	13041.81

Other places of Interest visited by foreign tourists

S.No.	Name of the places	Number of tourists
1	Delhi	890196
2	Mumbai	536388
3	Agra	314825
4	Calcutta	251589
5	Jaipur	208679
6	Varnasi	126863
7	Bangalore	101068

Note : Source of information Department of Tourism, Government of India, New Delhi. (Information has been restricted upto 1 lakh foreign tourists visiting India in a year.)

Statement II

Details of Expenditure incurred by Government for maintenance upkeep & Renewal of Historical monuments sanctuaries & other places of interest in India

Year	Archaeological Survey of India (In Lakhs)	Ministry of Environment & Forest (In Lakhs)	Ministry of Tourism (In Lakhs)
1999-2000	2848.00	6954.00	390.00

Note : Source of Information, Archaeological Survey of India, Ministry of Environment and Forest, Department of Tourism.

Conditions of NCF for preservation of heritage sites

1837. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM & CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the terms and conditions of National Culture Fund for roping in corporate sector to take up preservation and protection of country's important heritage sites and monuments;

(b) whether there is any time- frame fixed in this project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) Individuals and organisations including Corporate entities can collaborate with the National Culture Fund (NCF) in conceiving, developing and implementing projects for conserving heritages sites and for improving the infrastructure at these sites. Contributions to NCF are eligible for cent per cent tax deduction under Section 80 (G) 2 of the Income Tax. The normal practice is that NCF enters into a Memorandum of Understanding with the partner who wishes to collaborate. The MoU specifies scope of the project, its duration and the terms and conditions of such collaboration. All contributions for a project are deposited in a separate bank account and the funds are operated jointly by a representative of the NCF and of the partner based on the decisions of the Project Implementation Committee. The Project Implementation Committee has representation of the NCF and specialised agencies like Archaeological Survey of India and the corporate partner.